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### Natchitoches man arrested

BATON ROUGE – A Natchitoches man was arrested today by DEQ’s Criminal Investigation Division, with assistance from Louisiana State Police, Troop E, for the alleged misrepresentation of his professional status on public documents submitted to DEQ.

Nathan Redwine, 59, is alleged to have falsely represented himself as a Professional Engineer when a Title V permit application was submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality with a signature certifying Redwine as a Professional Engineer. According to the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, Redwine is not a Professional Engineer.

A major source permit, such as a Title V, has to be prepared by or under the supervision of a person properly qualified to perform engineering work as provided in the Louisiana Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Registration Act. The application shall be certified by a professional engineer, as defined in the in Louisiana law.

“Filing any documentation that includes a professional misrepresentation or forgery is a violation of the state law,” said Jeffrey Nolan, Director of DEQ’s Criminal Investigation Division. “The Title V permit application is the basis for a major source air permit. Falsifying a permit application affects the integrity of the permitting process and we take that seriously.”

Filing false public records containing a forgery, wrongful document alteration or false statement or false representation of material fact, is illegal under the Louisiana Revised Statute. A conviction in the crime of filing false public records can result in imprisonment for not more than five years with or without hard labor, or a fine of not more than \$5 thousand, or both.

*An arrest does not constitute guilt in a criminal case. All evidence compiled during the investigation is presented to area prosecutors to determine if formal charges are warranted.*

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